

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1 after the title as follows:

This application is a continuation application ~~CON~~ which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 of PCT Application No. PCT/GB02/01245 filed March 18, 2002 which claims priority to GB 0106635.6 filed March 16, 2001 and GB 0118879.6 filed August 2, 2001 ~~the entireties of which are incorporated herein by reference.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 28 of page 18 as follows:

~~Figure~~ Figures 5 a to c illustrate ~~illustrates~~ the use of secondary anti-probe labels;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 30 of page 18 as follows:

~~Figure~~ Figures 6 A to B illustrate ~~illustrates~~ SNP detection;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 85 as follows:

The objective method is supported by Olympus Microscopes and application notes ~~are found on the following website:~~

~~http://www.olympusmicro.com/primer/techniques/fluorescence/tirf/olympusaptirf.html.~~